

And this is Koree Kobukin and girls
this is my precious grandmother
Hullo Cousin Percella & ~~this is Mrs~~
~~Mrs Sir - girls -~~

Oh you're mighty welcome here and
we glad to make your acquaintance
we sure you are both Ladies or
you wouldn't be here (with a profound
bow ^{to each} (Missie. Enters with a tray)

Constance This is our Missie - Missie what you got
inside that muffin dish I bet a
million dollars them corn muffins and
potato cakes

Missie you wins you bet Mrs. Conroy they is
and you better get to eating them
they is turning cold from neglect
all they needs is some sweet lips
a touch of ^{to make them hot again} William go so
and attend to your horses

William (paying no attention to Missie)
Now Constance I got a very particular
message to deliver as soon as you
got time to listen, Dick Green is home
from the war and did you know
he was Paul Pomeroy's boy that was away
over here in France. He brought
a message for you from France (and
some close up of Constance) and he has
a present for you)

Constance - Dick Green been old Dick Green
Uncle Eddie told me there was no
holding him in the Army when
he was broke out - and when he
heard the Cavalry Brigade was
going, he was unmanageable

"Let me out of here" he said, "Whose to
care for these Paul's Horses? I'll come
back after the war is over and go
back in if you want me but give me this
one chance to prove my soul is white
even if my body is black -"
They let him out and off he went
to the front with the First Contingent
So you hear that Wren and old Gray
haired negro (excuse me William) off to the
war the first to go and one of the last
to return - and what more when Paul's
horse saw Dick ~~to whom~~ the day he
got out of the pen he whinnied with joy
and rubbed his nose against his old
black face. Listen that's not the end of
it - he has brought that horse home
and they both have medals - That's
one of the things we are proud of
in this old town - and we have told
it to the world.

Wren - Let of the pen do you mean the
Penitentiary is that what you said?

Constantine - Yes that is what I said - He got
in there by mistake instead of the other
fellows - I've known him all my life
haven't I grandmother? Why he used
to be the cook on the Nancy Jane 222

and when I was a little bit of a girl
they took me up the Lakes and I used
to sail up and down on his dumb
wheel from the parlor to the kitchen
He's a good old friend of ours with the
grandmother please give us another
cup of tea darling and don't strain it
Daisy come and tell our fortune
Babe from the war with news from Paul
What did you say William? (Phyllis
William said as she says me for Phyllis)
Daisy please tell Margaret's fortune
first she is so temperamental she
cannot wait (Daisy takes up and
studies it)

W Daisy I see something here a very fair
person with a golden head and
something heavy heavy hanging
over it

W Daisy you have struck it that's the
Prince the Prince of Wales and
that's the crown of England he's
familiar with that hanging over
his golden head - He danced
and danced with Margaret and
ever since her temperance has
either been sub-normal or over
100 I tell you it has been pretty
hard on all her friends ever since

Constance has brought her up here to
be cured of the Prince!

Margaret I don't want to be cured!

He is just a dear boy and he
told me he wished he was a cowboy.
I tell you you would like to be a
friend to a boy like that - He wants
to have fun like other boys and
his job - to be a King -
Did like to know who would want
to be a King nine days - They are
all getting their heads knocked off.

Susan - I see here a long long hill there
Margaret, a long long hill to climb
let me look at you hand honey.
Honey, and here ambition! your
heart will lead but say you is fond
of an easy time and instead of
an easy time for you here is a long
long hill to climb -

Constance - Nowhere Susan you will see
her to death that long long hill is
the Whiggan slide I hear James
call - (She answers William open the
door for the boys - Now for our
Whiggan slide)

The boys Jamie and Ken are ushered in, they
are very shy, very wholesome but undoubtedly
are not city bred or city clad -

Constance Kelbo Jamie, well Ken how you
have grown - I tell you it is grand to
see two boys again These are my two
friends Margaret and Noreen I let
introduce the James Craig and Mr
Kearney Buchanan Mrs Maynard and
Miss Noreen Robinson (The boys
stand in awkward silence until Mrs Buchanan
calls them)

William Jamie thank you Mother for being
kindness in preparing supper for the
children

The girls in the meantime have been making
a bundle and pulling out sweaters, socks and
mittens - Brenda comes in with an armful
of more shabby bobble clothes from the top chest of
clothes - In the struggle a large Board falls
out on the floor with a clatter

William For de Lawds sake Whats this Miss Constance
Constance Ah William thats a large Board Margaret
must have put it on I dont know what
Grandmother will think of it but William
they say I tell you everything about the
dead brings back messages and
everything like that

William (Scared to death and trembling) I seed the

picture of one in Eaton's Catalogue
Bumps back messages - does it - I tell you
there is a heap of things I would like to hear
I'd rather hear from the living today than
from the dead - but still I've been hearing
about Sir Allan Lodge and that wicked fellow
and the angel at home and the Thruken
and the ~~Thruken~~ Thruken - I've been
hearing a lot of things lately and I
always like to be up to date - I wish I was
up to date on this spirit business like
the mistress is. I think she's a holy nut
walk with God - you know she thinks
that all our loved ones whose souls
have been in our grand old angels and she
says I will find a way to get you a
message from the spirit world if we
need a message -
She doesn't believe in the things folks is doing
nowadays - she says but look at her now I
guess she is telling the boys about the new calf -

Constance Mr. William has a calf

William Of course she has and that was the a
surprise for you but I am so excited over
that poor boy I blabbed it out (Constance
goes up to her grandmother)

Constance Grandmother William tells me we have a
calf and what else dear - you are such
a peep - Grandmother you won't be cross will
you dear Mamma has brought her little boy
they have such fun with it -

Grandmother No dear if you only have fun but
look at William's face now - He is
so much of a child and peep
superstitions (Just then we heard William
(say

William Yes Miss I would like to speak to
some of our loved ones that have gone
I would like to ask Marse Hawthorne
if all dis family are well?

Margaret Sit down William and place
your hands here now go ahead
ask for Mr Hawthorne

William Marse Hawthorne is yo dere?

Margaret Yes - it - says - yes

William Are yo sho you is dere
Marse Hawthorne?

Margaret Yes it says yes. William

Sure To de Lawd's sake look at his
hands go - Is yo sho Miss Margaret
that Marse Hawthorne is dere

Margaret Yes - it says - yes

William Marse Hawthorne is all yo
family well

Margaret Yes - it says yes -

William Well Iee Glad to hear dat
cause Iee kin of feeling all
day like we fume to get some
news and so does Miss Hawthorne
For de Lawd's sake I feel so queer

Margaret - Is there any one else you would
like to speak to William -

William - Indeed there is Mrs Margaret
son since Mr. Litchyons megah told
me dat dey won de war - He comes
from New York I been bothered like
I like to ask Marse Lincoln he
would tell de truf no matter who
won it -

Margaret - Well I'll ask to speak
to Marse Abraham Lincoln -

William - I like to do that - Marse Lincoln
I like to speak to Marse Lincoln
to you dear -

Margaret - Yes - I say - yes -

William - Who won de war Marse Lincoln
Kenneth excitedly Let me see?

Susan - I know who I want to speak to when
I get the chance -

Nellie - Who Susan

Susan - Mother knows all about it (and says
bravely and saying this about Mrs. Hawthorne
who looks up and sees what they are
doing

Mrs Hawthorne - Susan comes here poor child

Poor deluded children

William. (Is now jumping more and more excited while his hands are wandering all over the board he calls in a loud voice)
Marse Lincoln is you still dem
de marse Lincoln what you say
who won de war?
What's dat its spelling out

Maynot. W-E-WON-TH-E-War

William. WHO is - WE -

Mr Hawthorne we are the dead

William (as he hears that voice jumps from the board and says ^{Gold's} ^{Says} who spoke was
that you there Hawthorne did you
speak?

Mr Hawthorne yes William I got the message
for you William and I believe
that is the truth. I put it another
way they all died that we might live

William Oh Mary Hawthorne Mary Hawthorne
is so excited over dat board -

Mr Hawthorne there is no need to be William
that bit of wood in the hands of
the quackman is only a bit of
moleable phenomena -

William But think if we could take from

- goodness who's there -

Mr Hawthorne I believe we can William



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